



**Congresswoman Cori Bush
(MO-01)**

**Application Packet
Service Academy Nominations
Class of 2026**

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding nominations to our nation's Service Academies. I am honored to be involved in the nomination process and I applaud you for your desire to serve in the Armed Services.

The Service Academies are the United States Air Force Academy, United States Military Academy, United States Merchant Marine Academy, and United States Naval Academy. A nomination to one of the Service Academies is a prestigious honor which requires dedication, a desire to serve others, and a sense of duty and morality.

While appointments to the Service Academies are extremely competitive, priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate strong leadership in their community and a commitment to serving the public. As applicants are reviewed, we highly encourage individuals to return a completed, competitive package on or before November 1, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Marna Coleman with our district office (314) 955-9980 or via email at marna.coleman@mail.house.gov. I look forward to receiving your application for nomination. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cori Bush".

CORI BUSH
Member of Congress

Nomination Checklist

All required items must be sent to the Missouri First District Office postmarked by November 1, 2021. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered for nomination.

For delivery verification, you may wish to request a return receipt from the Post Office.

I HAVE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING (Please check items you have enclosed)

___ APPLICATION FORM AND RESUME completed and signed by applicant

___ PERSONAL ESSAY (1 page maximum including why you want to attend the academy)

___ THREE (3) PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION LETTERS completed by counselors, principals, teachers, religious leaders (i.e. priests, rabbis and ministers), coaches or community leaders. You are required to return a minimum of three (3) personal recommendation letters by the postmark deadline. NOTE: recommendation letters are the chief cause of delays in completing an application packet. Start this process now to ensure that they are postmarked by the deadline.

___ OFFICIAL COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT, including courses currently in progress, GPA through junior year, and class rank. If you would like to provide your transcript from your senior year, you may send it as an update as long as your application is complete by November 1, 2021.

___ OFFICIAL COPY OF COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (if applicable) including courses currently in progress and GPA.

___ COPY OF OFFICIAL SAT/ACT SCORES if they are not being sent directly from the college boards. NOTE: test scores must be postmarked by November 1, 2021. Carefully consider the dates that you are taking tests; if you wait until October, your scores may not arrive on time.

___ CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH (wallet-sized)

___ AWARD, CERTIFICATES, etc. (optional)

Check one and complete:

___ I have taken the following tests on the dates indicated, SAT _____ ACT _____

___ I have not taken the required tests, but plan to take the SAT/ACT on _____

Deadline for postmarking application items is November 1, 2021

Once nominees are selected, nominations will be submitted to the Service Academies, which will determine which nominees will receive offers of appointment.

Additional Information

SAT and ACT Test Scores: ACT code: 7500

Standardized test scores are important elements of your application. In order for your application to be considered complete, you must either send an official copy of your scores or have the testing centers send your scores to our office. To meet this deadline, I suggest taking one or both as soon as possible and we highly suggest taking the tests multiple times to improve your scores. The dates can be found on these websites:

<http://sat.collegeboard.com/register/sat-dates>

<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>

*Note: All test scores must be postmarked by November 1, 2021. However, your test scores can be updated between the time of your application and the time of the Academy Board meeting if you score higher on a later test; this will only be permitted for students who submit their score(s) on or before the official deadline to complete their files.

Service Academy Contact Information

If you have not already done so, you should open a pre-candidate file with the service academies that you desire to attend. And we encourage you to apply to all of the Service Academies that you are interested in. Failure to contact the Service Academies and becoming an official candidate will automatically disqualify you for an official interview with my office. Applying to the Service Academy and applying for a nomination are processes that need to be accomplished at the same time. To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, please contact them directly.

ARMY

The Director of Admissions
ATTN: MAAR
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York 10996
Apply online
here: westpoint.edu/admissions

AIR FORCE

Director of Admissions
HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 2300
USAF Academy, CO 80840
Apply online here: academyadmissions.com

NAVY

Dean of Admissions (Code A)
United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland 21402
Apply online here: usna.edu/admissions

U.S. Merchant Marine

Academy Admissions
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
Apply online here: www.usafa.edu
www.usmma.edu

Service Academy Fact Sheet

The following requirements apply to entrance to all four academies to which Members of Congress make nominations: Air Force, Military Academy (West Point), Navy, and Merchant Marine. The academy process is very competitive; therefore, all candidates are urged to apply to every nomination authority they qualify for. The academy generally seeks a well-rounded individual who demonstrates leadership and is involved in their school and community.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be at least 17 years of age, but not past 23 years of age as of July 1 of the year of admission to an academy; must be a citizen of the United States by birth or naturalization as of July 1 of the year of admission; and must be men and women of good moral character who are trustworthy, emotionally stable, and motivated.

RESIDENCE: Candidate and/or his or her parents must provide proof (if requested) of residence in the 28th Congressional District of Texas within the two years prior to prospective admission to an academy.

MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS: All physical examinations are conducted at designated Department of Defense medical examination centers. Examinations will be conducted only for candidates who have been officially scheduled by the Department of Medical Examination Review Board – a tri-service agency responsible for scheduling and evaluating examinations for all the U.S. Service Academies. Applicants will receive instructions for taking the Medical Examination directly from the Medical Review Board.

PHYSICAL APTITUDE: Applicants must demonstrate superior strength, endurance, and agility which will be measured by the Physical Aptitude Examination (PAE). Candidates are advised to prepare for this examination by engaging in vigorous activities such as running, general conditioning exercises, and competitive games. Details on the PAE can be found in the appropriate academy manual, together with the height and weight limitations.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: To be considered for a nomination to an Academy, the applicant must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/or the American College Testing Program (ACT). It is strongly recommended that the SAT/ACT tests be taken to see which one measures the educational background most favorably. Applicants are advised to check carefully with their guidance counselors.

APPLICATION: All applicants are required to submit the following: completed application, transcripts, resume, three letters of recommendation, personal essay, SAT/ACT. Your completed application must be returned no later than November 1, 2021, to the Missouri 1st district office. Applicants must indicate their academy preference on the application form. Applicants will be reviewed for any or all service academies listed on the application form for which openings are available

INTERVIEW: Eligible applicants who have also applied directly to the Service Academies will be interviewed in December by Staffers from the First Congressional District of Missouri.

2021-2022 Application For Nomination To The United States Service Academies

Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Preferred First Name)

Current Mailing Address:

(Street / P.O. Box)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Missouri Residence: *(If you listed a Post Office Box or a temporary address above. Service Academies require the listing of your street address in Missouri.)*

(Street / P.O. Box)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone Number: (____) ____ - ____

Alternate Telephone Number: (____) ____ - ____

Email Address: _____

I am also seeking a nomination through:

_____ President _____ U.S. Senator Roy Blunt

_____ Vice President _____ U.S. Senator Josh Hawley

Are you currently or were you formerly enlisted in the United States Military? _____

If you answered "Yes" which branch? _____

Are you the dependent of an active or retired member of the United States Military? _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____ Non-binary _____ Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):

High School Attended:

(School Name)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(School Phone Number)

(Counselor's Name)

Expected Date of Graduation: ____ / ____ / ____ High School GPA: ____

(Please have your counselor convert this to the 4.0 scale)

Class Rank: ____ / ____

SAT: Critical Reading ____ Math ____ Writing ____ Composite ____

ACT: English ____ Math ____ Reading ____ Science ____ Composite ____

Have you attended an Academy Summer Seminar? ____

If you answered "Yes" which Academy Leadership Seminar(s) did you attend:

Are you currently an active participant of any of the following:

____ JROTC

____ Boy Scouts/Eagle Scout/Gold Award

____ Mission Field

____ Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

____ National Honor Society

____ Academy Preparatory School

Please indicate which academy you would like to attend; if you are interested in more than one academy, please rank them in order of your preference, first to last.

____ U.S. Air Force Academy

____ U.S. Military Academy

____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

____ U.S. Naval Academy

RESUME: On a separate page, briefly describe your involvement in the following activities: interscholastic athletics, school activities, community involvement (volunteer or work experience), other activities you consider important or noteworthy and all awards and honors. Include information regarding leadership positions and recognitions of achievement, as well as dates of involvement in each activity.

APPLICATION AGREEMENT: Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements. If you do not include your signature, your application will not be considered for nomination:

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I intend to pursue a vigorous academic course of study if appointed.

I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years of military service following graduation, and I fully commit to this responsibility.

I am a U.S. Citizen or will be by July 1, 2021. I will be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1, 2021. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any legal dependents or obligations.

I am a legal resident of the State of Missouri.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately.

Additionally, I understand that I will not be considered for a nomination if the required documents are incomplete or are not postmarked by November 1, 2021.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Send Completed Application Packet by November 1, 2021 to:

**U.S. Representative Cori Bush
Attention: Marna Coleman
6724-A Page Ave
Saint Louis, MO 63114**

For more information on MO-01 Service Academy nominations, please reach out to Marna Coleman in my office at (314) 955-9980 or via email at marna.coleman@mail.house.gov.